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There is, as most people know, a very favorite game in the United States which goes by the name of poker. Played most successfully by statesmen, illustrated by a distinguished general and minister, regarded, if not respected, by all classes of American society, from the Knickerbocker to the Houston. China, poker has almost attained to the dignity of a national pastime. Still in its infancy, not only to private fortune, but to public distinction. I will illustrate other inventions of the same clever people, even poker owes its origin to the old country, and bears about the same relation to the game of bridge as the latter does to the former. The object, like that of all other games of cards, is to play, in, to make the best of your hand, and to make the worst of your opponent's.

For a diplomatist a better training could not be given. The diplomatist has the same object in view as the politician, and a study of the latter's tactics should be made compulsory on the former. A judicious use of the main weapon has many a trick in the political game. A judicious use of the main weapon has many a trick in the political game. A judicious use of the main weapon has many a trick in the political game.

As well, it possesses all more than all the advantages for a man of the world that were claimed for it by the late Charles Lever. But, of course, the real beauty of the game consists in the organization of the hand. It is a game to a certain point. All great conquerors have understood this thoroughly, and some great statesmen. Napoleon I. was a master in the game, as he was in the art of war. He was a master in the game, as he was in the art of war. He was a master in the game, as he was in the art of war.

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ARMOUR PLATES, thirteen and fourteen inches thick. Have been sent in hot haste—made of chilled steel—from Sheffield to Skeerness to complete the last order for the ironclad. We hear that the manufacturers worked night and day to get them done, being assured they were required for a case of Shimonoseki.

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

From 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.	From 1 P.M. to 4 P.M.	From 4 P.M. to 7 P.M.	From 7 P.M. to 10 P.M.	From 10 P.M. to 1 A.M.	From 1 A.M. to 4 A.M.	From 4 A.M. to 7 A.M.	From 7 A.M. to 10 A.M.	From 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.
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NEW YORK	Colby	W. May	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.

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